

**MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**October 3, 2014**

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on October 3, 2014 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 50 Service Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: William Finelli; Michael Boyce; Daniel Beardsley; Peter Dennehy and Melissa Malone.

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Gayle Mambro-Martin and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA**

A draft of the September 5, 2014 meeting minutes were mailed to the Committee members for review, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was:

**VOTED**                      To approve the meeting minutes of September 5, 2014.

**HEARINGS – DISABILITY**

<b>Madeline Viveiros</b>	Community Living Aide, Department of Behavioral Health. (Estimated service credits 4 years, 11 months)
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After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:** To reaffirm the decision of November 14, 2012 **denying** Ms. Viveiros' application for an accidental disability pension.

**Damon Borrelli** Police Officer, South Kingstown Police Department.  
(Estimated service credits 11 years, 1 month)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Malone:

**VOTED:** To reaffirm the decision of February 12, 2014 **denying** Mr. Borrelli's application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

#### **ACCIDENTAL MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED**

**Mary MacLaughlin** Animal Control Officer, Town of North Kingstown.  
(Estimated service credits 9 years, 10 months, 18 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Ms. MacLaughlin's application for an accidental disability pension.

#### **ORDINARY 1 YEAR REVIEW**

**Jane Calo** Assistant Administrative Officer, R.I. Department of Environmental Management. (Estimated service credits 27 years)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board advise Ms. Calo's employer that she be put on their recall list pursuant to RIGL §36-10-17. Mr. Beardsley voted yes. Mr. Boyce and Mr. Finelli voted Nay.

## **ACCIDENTAL**

### **Sean Siembab**

Juvenile Program Worker, RI Department of Children, Youth & Families. (Estimated service credits 8 years, 2 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Mr. Siembab's application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Beardsley voted yes. Mr. Boyce and Mr. Finelli voted Nay.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dennehy and seconded by Ms. Malone:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Siembab's application for an ordinary disability retirement. Mr. Beardsley voted yes. Mr. Boyce and Mr. Finelli voted Nay.

### **Emilio Volpicelli**

Senior Maintenance Technician, RI Veteran's Home. (Estimated service credits 21 years, 10 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Mr. Volpicelli's application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Dennehy voted yes. Mr. Boyce and Mr. Finelli voted Nay.

### **Timothy Davis**

Mental Health Worker, MHRH. (Estimated service credits 15 years, 3 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Davis' application for

an accidental disability pension. Mr. Dennehy voted yes. Mr. Boyce and Mr. Finelli voted Nay.

**Silver Bolano**

Correctional Officer, Department of Corrections.  
(Estimated service credits 22 years, 6 months, 8 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Bolano's application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of his compensation at the time of his retirement.

**Mark Sheridan**

Correctional Officer, Department of Corrections.  
(Estimated service credits 26 years, 8 months, 28 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Sheridan's application for an accidental disability pension.

Mr. Boyce left meeting at 12:15.

**ORDINARY DISABILITY**

**Michael Palumbo**

Teacher, Providence School Department.  
(Estimated service credits 10 years, 4 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Palumbo's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

**Graziella Rhodes**

Teacher, North Kingstown School Department.  
(Estimated service credits 13 years, 15 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Rhodes' application for an ordinary disability retirement.

**Pamela Barber**

Systems Support Technician II, DCYF. (Estimated service credits 18 years, 11 months, 10 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Barber's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

**Ruth Wilbur**

Forensic Scientist, RI Department of Health.  
(Estimated service credits 24 years, 1 month, 29 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Wilbur's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

**Bruce Smith**

Teacher, Providence School Department.  
(Estimated service credits 15 years, 11 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Smith's application for an ordinary disability pension.

**Kenneth McClain**

Janitor, BHDDH-ESH. (Estimated service credits 26 years, 4 months, 17 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. McClain's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

**Norman Breton** Web Developer, City of Newport. (Estimated service credits 6 years, 11 months, 26 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

**VOTED:** To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Breton's application for an ordinary disability pension.

**Agenda** Disability Application Process

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dennehy and seconded by Mr. Beardsley it was unanimously:

**VOTED** To adjourn the meeting at 12:31 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle C. Mambro-Martin, Esq.  
GCM: gsb

October 31, 2014